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Statement re: April 29, 2019 Specially Called Board Meeting

(DESOTO, TX) --- This evening, the DeSoto ISD Administration recommended that the Board of Trustees not move forward with taking action on the posted agenda item regarding teacher and administrative contracts Renewals/Non-renewals/Terminations.

Instead, Administration recommended postponing Board action to allow more time to review information as well as provide additional scenarios related to the reduction in force.

A reduction in force is very difficult, particularly when considering the district's experiences over the course of the past year and a half. We understand that this has been a stressful experience for staff, and we believe that the extra time allows both the Administration and the Board of Trustees to make decisions in the best interest of the students and staff.

DeSoto ISD administrators anticipate the actions could be revisited during the May 13 Board Meeting.

In order to support those employees who have been identified as potentially impacted by the impending reduction in force, the district will host an employee-only job fair set to feature instruction and non-instruction-based employers.

The job fair is from 3pm to 6pm, May 3, 2019, at the DeSoto High School Academy Cafeteria located at 600 Eagle Drive in DeSoto. The event will include will include a number of neighboring school districts, as well as entities such as Workforce Solutions and Primerica.

About DeSoto Independent School District

DeSoto ISD is a public independent school district serving more than 10, 200 students and 1,200 employees. The district is comprised of 13 campuses serving students from early childhood through

graduation. A District of Innovation, DeSoto ISD's mission statement is preparing students academically and socially to be problem solvers and productive citizens. The district's 2020 Strategic Plan focuses on individualized learning, quality teachers, equal access and relationships in an effort to provide a holistic and well-rounded educational experience to students and families in DeSoto, Glenn Heights, and Ovilla.

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